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Riley County issues first same-sex marriage license

BY LOGAN FALLETTI
THE COLLEGIAN

On Wednesday, Kansas became the 33rd state to allow gay marriage, and one couple arrived at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. Thursday to exercise that right and hold their ceremony. Joleen Hickman and Darci Bohnenblust applied for their license on Oct. 9., though the ceremony was delayed while the county courthouse waited for approval from the 10th Circuit Court judge. They were pronounced wife and wife at 10 a.m., when the court-

house bells began to ring.

K-State employees were under instruction not to comment on the ruling, but students seemed joyful.

“Personally, I think it’s pretty nice to see that it’s here in Kansas,” Caleb Deines, freshman in marketing, said. “I thought it would take much longer to get here. To know it passed so quickly warms my heart.”

Gov. Sam Brownback publicly opposed the bill last Saturday at a rally at the Summit Church in Wichita. It did not affect the ruling that a Johnson County judge ruled to allow the issuance of licenses earlier this

month. A typical waiting period for a marriage license is three days, which is kept on file for a year after their application. The couple has been the only same-sex couple to apply for a license in Riley County.

The LGBTQ and Allies Club agreed that the ruling meant good things for their members’ futures.

“I’m from Chicago, so I’m very liberal,” Alaina Littlejohn, junior in animal sciences and industry and vice president of the club, said. “It’s weird to go home and think the LGBT community was so supported. I thought honestly Kansas would be last. Now

I don’t have to move home to marry someone. I can stay in my new state that I now call home.”

Chief Judge Meryl Wilson, who approved the administrative order, said he can’t “pick and choose” the civil ceremonies that he would perform as a judge.

“I believe that if I do any marriages that I have an obligation to do a marriage for anyone who has a valid license,” Wilson said. “Each judge will have the right to make their own choices, but it seems to me that if I’m going to do any marriages, saying ‘I’m not going to do a same-sex marriage’ wouldn’t be right.”

compiled by Kelsey Kendall

Manhattan City Park ice rink to open Monday

Manhattan’s ice rink, located in City Park, will open next Monday just in time for some cold weather fun.

According to the Little Apple Post, the rink – which is open for public and private party skating – will also be offering ice skating lessons. Admission is \$3 and skate rental is \$3. The rink will be open 3-7 p.m. on weekdays and 1-7 p.m. on weekends.

The rink will remain open until late February.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation concludes inmate death investigation

In early August, Olathe’s Johnson County Adult Detention Center inmate Matthew Worsham died after being transported to Olathe Medical Center.

According to the Little Apple Post, an investigation revealed Worsham died of acute ethanol withdrawal. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation looked into the case and determined that the correctional or medical staff at the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office was not involved.

Kansas Forest Specialist recommends quarantine to stop disease

Large numbers of little beetles that live in black walnut trees have been found in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Vermont, Nevada, California, Idaho, Washington, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, according to News and Communications Services.

These beetles carry fungi spores in their mouths when they move from tree to tree, according to Ryan Armbrust, assistant forester of the Kansas Forest Service. This spreads thousand cankers disease, which can kill the black walnut tree.

Kansas, according to News and Communications Services, estimates to have \$160 million in revenue from black walnut lumber and nut production. In order to prevent the spread of the beetles, a quarantine has been placed over many states in the Midwest area. Internal trade of the black walnut will not be affected, but wood (especially from the affected states) will be restricted.

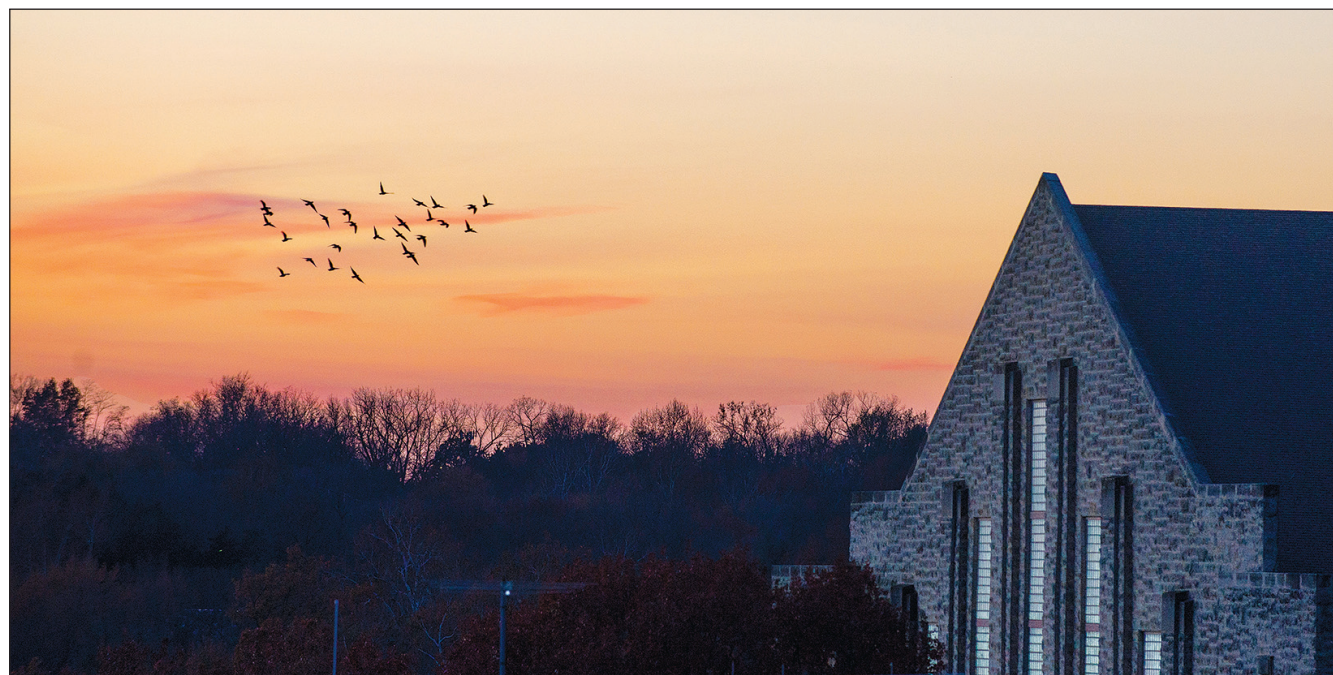
“Just one beetle won’t do a lot; they can build up, though,” Armbrust said.

Armbrust recommends buying wood, particularly fire wood, locally in order to stop the spread of the harmful beetles.

There is no treatment for a beetle infestation.

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Birds soar south as winter approaches



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

A flock of birds soar toward Ahearn Fieldhouse in front of Thursday’s sunset.

Counseling Services get SGA funding increased

BY BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

President Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, presented an amendment to senators concerning building funds. The Board of Regents had moved toward legislation that would allow universities to up student tuition and fees to help pay for building and facility additions and renovations without the express consent of the students. Kays, along with Vice President Cody Kennedy, senior in education, and Asher Gilliland, junior in finance, presented a counter-amendment requiring approval from the student body or its representatives before increasing tuition and fees for buildings and facilities. Senate passed the amendment unanimously.

Heavily debated at the Nov. 11 Student Governing Association meeting was funding for counseling services. The privilege fee

committee recommended that the senate fully fund the request from counseling services; at a 3 percent compound increase. This increase would add \$1.05 the first year to students’ privilege fee, but would add approximately \$25,000 to counseling services’ budget. The fee will increase to no more than \$4 over the next three years. These additional funds would allow them to retain staff to serve the mental health of K-State students.

Uncommonly, debate was brought forward about whether or not Privilege Fee committee should consider funding more than the requested amount. Eleanor Dickens, senior in anthropology, spoke on the importance of maintaining the mental health of K-State students.

“Counseling services has drastically changed the lives of a lot of students here at K-State,” Dickens said. “I think that on a college campus, if we’re going to fund any-

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Goods drive supports military aid group

BY KALEIGH LORENZ
THE COLLEGIAN

This week, Courtney Claxton, sophomore in communication sciences, initiated a goods drive to support the USO. It was brought to her attention while volunteering at the USO that Fort Riley military families were in need of basic household supplies.

“(The USO’s) mission is to help support military troops and their family whether they are at the local base, or deployed overseas,” Claxton said. “They provide meals throughout the week as well as entertainment.”

The goods the USO is looking for specifically include toilet paper, paper towels, office supplies and ramen noodles. Any donations are accepted and put to use, Claxton said.

“We will accept all and any donations because we are a non-profit organization, that means

everything has to be donated,” Claxton said.

Claxton contacted the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families.

“Courtney has been volunteering for the USO at Fort Riley and brought it to our attention that they were in need of supplies,” said Lori Zetmeir, senior in family studies and human services and intern for the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families. “So she decided to do a campus wide goods drive to get some of the things that they need.”

The Fort Riley USO center strives to meet the basic needs of military families and give them a place to be entertained, relax and spend quality time together.

“The USO gives K-State students a way to get involved and give back to their neighbors,” Claxton said.

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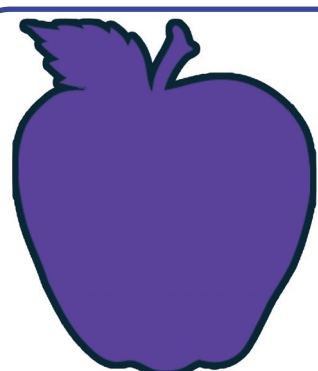
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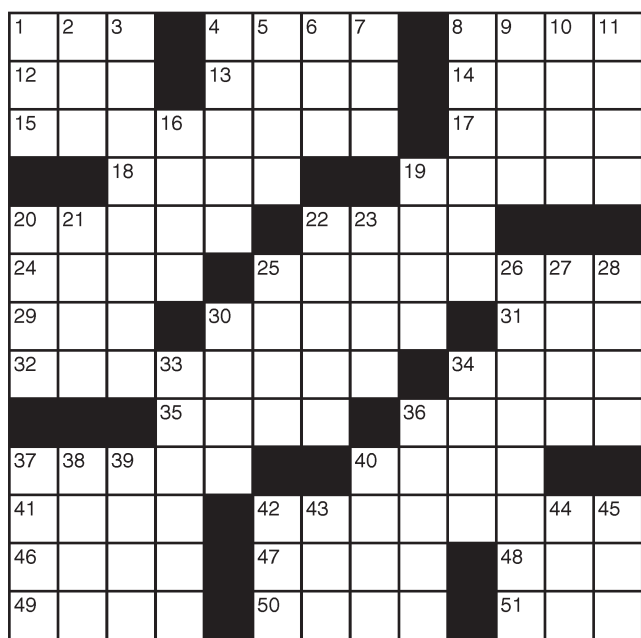
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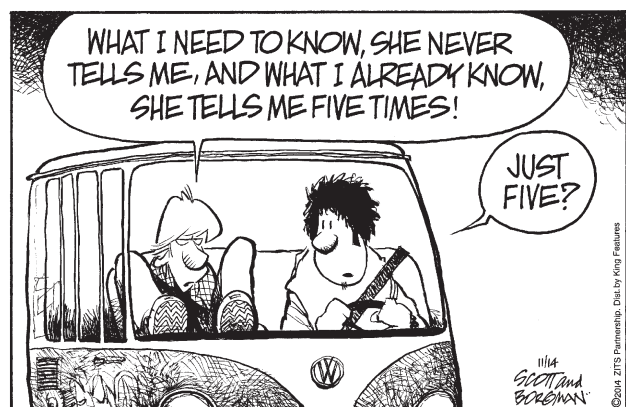
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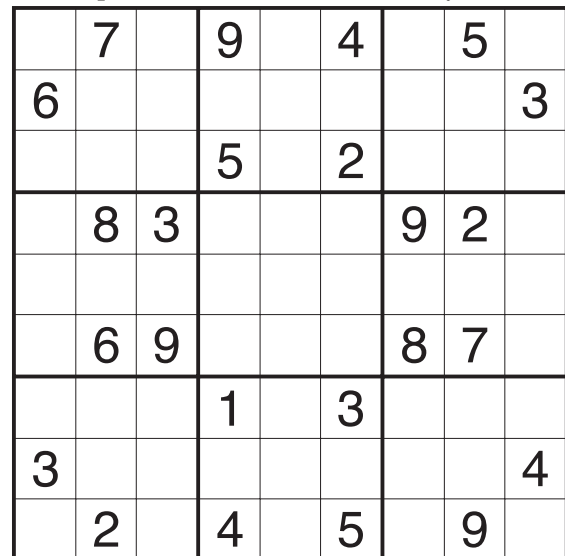
Is it nap time yet?

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By Dave Green

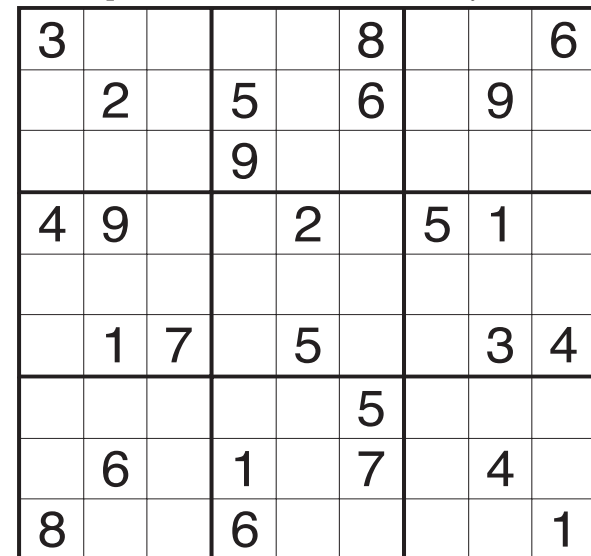


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Scholarship houses promote community living

By LINDSEY LEARDI
THE COLLEGIAN

With the end of the semester drawing near, many students are thinking about where they are going to live and who they are going to live with next semester. College students have many options for housing from residence halls to greek life residences. One option some students might consider is living in a scholarship house. K-State's campus is home to three scholarship houses: Alpha of Clovia, Smurthwaite Leadership and Scholarship House and Smith Scholarship House.

Scholarship houses at K-State encourage leadership, scholarship and fellowship for their residents who are chosen through an application and interview process. For a lower rate, scholarship house residents engage in community living and assume more responsibilities than a student in the residence halls would, such as cooking and cleaning.

Alpha of Clovia 4-H Scholarship House

"What I like best about it is that it feels like a tight knit family but we are all very different," Heidi Katt, junior in pre-nursing and a New Membership Chairwoman for Clovia, said.

Founded in 1931 and

supported by the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Clovia used to be a part of the Panhellenic Council until it established itself as an independent cooperative house in 1961. Clovia looks for women who were in the 4-H program for at least two years and have a 3.0 high school GPA or 2.65 college GPA, which they are required to maintain.

"It's big enough to have diversity but small enough to feel that you belong, that you're cared about, which is really nice in college," Katt said.

Clovia charges residents \$1,600 per semester, \$2,380 cheaper than the standard rate for room and board with a 15 meal, meal-plan in the residence halls.

Smurthwaite Leadership and Scholarship House

While Clovia is part of a national organization, Smurthwaite is part of the K-State Housing and Dining Services and can house up to 46 women.

"I think for K-State it offers a really unique opportunity," Sara Peters, graduate student in counseling and student development in and Smurthwaite's assistant coordinator, said. "They get the opportunity to learn these skills where if you lived in a traditional residence hall you don't necessarily have to take care of all of

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PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Smith men and Smurthwaite ladies enjoy a meal together at Smith during an exchange dinner between the two scholarship houses Thursday evening. Smith and Smurthwaite also hold many other social events together throughout the school year.



CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN

ABOVE: **Sammie Shamburg**, sophomore in music, practices her guitar in the Blue Room at Smurthwaite Leadership/Scholarship House on Thursday.

PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

ABOVE RIGHT: From left, **Brett Bandy**, sophomore in chemical engineering, **Tony Williams**, junior in physics and journalism, and **Tristan Wells**, freshman in math and physics, chat while waiting for dinner to be served Wednesday evening at Smith Scholarship House.

CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN

BOTTOM RIGHT: **Rebekah Mally**, freshman in apparel and textiles, studies in her dorm room at Smurthwaite Leadership/Scholarship House on Thursday.



Discovering personal style, importance of expressing personality through clothes

By KRISTIN NYCKLEMOE
THE COLLEGIAN

From trendy to classic to everything in between, personal style is something each individual possesses. In the fashion world, we hear it is important for people to find their own personal style, something that works for them. But have you ever stopped and wondered, what goes into creating a personal style or why it is so important? For most people, style is a way to express who you are. Whether it is expressing your culture or your personality, style creates an identity.

Why is personal style important?

"It affects the way people treat you and acknowledge you," said Aaron Simon, sophomore in apparel design and production.

At 25-years-old, Simon has tried multiple looks throughout his life including gothic and a punk look. He said he liked to experiment with different styles trying to find one that made him feel comfortable and confident.

Finding your own style

"If I have to pick a word to describe my style I wouldn't be able to because I

consider myself having multiple styles," Fabina-Zalazar Vega, sophomore in apparel marketing, said. "I am flexible in my dress choices and it does depend on my mood."

Along with trying to create a unique identity, style also can be a way to express a designer's craftsmanship. Sherry Haar, professor of apparel and textiles, said when it comes to her style, she tries to express not only her personality but also the work of the artist who made that piece of clothing.

"Style can also show the artisan's identity through their craft, it can either express the artist's personality or the wearer's (personality)," she said.

Haar also said style also develops with age. When a person is trying to create him or herself, they are also creating their style. We experiment with style to see people's reactions. If you do not get the reaction you want, you play around with your look until you do.

The importance of basics

Through developing her own style, Haar has found that having a basic helps develop style. A basic is a neutral color such as white, black, tan or navy that can be compatible with any color. For her, black is her foundation color. Black is something that can be paired with anything and makes unique, colorful pieces

stand out more. Other basics that people build around are items like jeans, plain dresses or suits and neutral colored clothing. Having basics in your wardrobe creates a foundation for expression using different colors and patterns.

Style comes from multiple different elements and develops differently for everyone. The ultimate goal is to express your personality and show the world who you are. By finding a basic to build your wardrobe out of and experimenting with multiple looks, personal style will develop. Style will continue to change throughout time but for right now, style is up to you.

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THE COLLEGIAN

My first experience with the Konza Prairie took place in mid-October. It was at the beginning of the string of beautiful days we experienced before the cold weather settled in, and I was relaxing outside when I suddenly felt claustrophobic about all the buildings surrounding me. As someone raised right in the middle of the Flint Hills in a small town, I am used to being able to see plains for miles.

The Konza Prairie Biological Station is an 8,616 acre or 13.5 square mile tallgrass prairie nature preserve located in the Flint Hills about six miles south of Manhattan. In addition to a beautiful nature preserve, it serves as a field research station operated by the K-State Division of Biology. The Konza Prairie is used for the study of long-term ecological research, education and conservation.

Motivated by the weather and a need to be above everything going on around me, I went on a solo hike on the shortest Konza trail. I was absolutely blown away by how beautiful and peaceful the environment was. One portion of the trail takes you through a brushy, wooded area that lies at the foot of the larger hills, and you may be able to see the tracks of wildlife such as deer and geese on the gravel trail.

Shortly after that, the trees clear out, and you come upon a fork in the trail and can choose between continuing on or exploring the Hokanson Homestead, in which lies the remains of the home settled by Swedish immigrants in 1878. If you choose to continue along the normal trail, however, you will gradually head up to the top of the hills, where the truly stunning views are located. Once you are finished admiring the view, you head down a steep hill and back to where the hike started – back to the real world.

The Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research program was established in 1980 and has been focused on research of prairie fires, grazing patterns, ecological patterns and processes of grasslands, and watershed levels. It is also home to cattle and bison herds.

Studies on these and other topics have led to a wider understanding of prairie ecosystems and their importance. According to K-State, by May 2014, 1,511 scientific books and articles had been published based on research at Konza Prairie, and over 100 scientists had active projects on-site.

Not only is the Konza a valuable source of scientific information, but it is also a place accessible to the general public through its environmental education program and nature trails.

The Konza Prairie trails range in distance from 2.5 miles to six miles, making them accessible and enjoyable both to people who exercise moderately and those who are more athletically inclined. It is a good location for a short adventure on a day when the weather is suitable for hiking. Another benefit for a fiscally-minded college student is the fact that the only charge for enjoying the trails is a requested \$2 donation, making the experience both pleasant and affordable.

Although the trails are somewhat close to the highway and interstate, they seem like a completely different world from Manhattan. Not only are the sounds of the city and traffic replaced by the sounds of the wind, insects and other nature sounds, the buildings and cars are also replaced by trees, prairie grasses and a seemingly endless view at the higher elevation areas.

The Konza Prairie is an old ecosystem that has been the site of thousands of scientific studies, but it is also a place somebody can to escape the real world for awhile and experience an environment completely different from the one offered on K-State’s campus.

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JOSH STAAB | THE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State students jog through the Konza Prairie on October 12th, 2013.

Meditation: a healthy option for mind, body; promotes general wellbeing



SHELTON BURCH
THE COLLEGIAN

As obesity continues to affect Americans, various health trends have entered the spotlight as possible solutions. Paleo, vegetarian and cholesterol-free diets are just a few. Exercise programs and activities such as yoga and running are increasingly popular, as are mixed martial arts, soccer and other types of physical fitness.

While any of these health trends could potentially fade into obscurity after enough research is done to potentially disprove them, one trend in America I believe is here to stay is the practice of meditation. According to a 2013 Huffington Post article, more than 20 million Americans currently practice yoga.

Meditation has a broad

definition, meaning you can practice it almost anywhere and almost at any time. Merriam-Webster defines meditation as “spending time in quiet thought for religious purposes or relaxation.”

For many that is done through yoga, a form of physical exercise which often involves doing movements coordinated with inhales and exhales. Usually these measured breaths are taken through the nose only, causing them to be slower and harder to maintain in cases of strenuous physical activity. The practice of inhaling and exhaling through the nose is scientifically proven to help lower heart rate, and help control blood pressure, according to a 2006 Harvard Health article.

But for some, meditation doesn’t have to be done only on a yoga mat, in a studio. “Quiet time” doesn’t necessarily have to be done in a quiet environment. It can be done almost as easily on a run as it can be in dancer pose. For some, meditating while running or working out alone can be even more calming because the body is in motion and away from sources of stimulation and

stress.

For the last nine months I’ve been doing yoga and focusing on the meditation aspect. I started in January and took a fitness assessment at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex because I enrolled to train with one of their personal trainers. Nearly six months later, I took the same assessment again. My resting heart rate had gone down 13 beats per minute and my blood pressure had also decreased. Overall, my blood pressure went from the “needs work” category on the assessment to the “fair” category.

While this may not necessarily be conclusive, scientific evidence, to me it stood out as major sign that meditation, mainly done through weekly yoga classes, had some kind of positive impact. That was all I needed.

As with almost anything, scientific research can be found to confirm similar results and at least the possibility that meditation is actually a healthy thing. According to a Journal of Chronic Diseases article, “it is possible that the decreased blood pressures are unrelated

to the proposed mechanism of decreased sympathetic nervous system activity and represent, instead, a placebo effect. Regardless of mechanism, the described relaxation, meditational technique is an effective method of lowering borderline hypertensive blood pressures.”

For those who haven’t tried meditating and are perhaps afraid to go to a yoga class, try this: sit in a room alone, cross-legged if

you can, close your eyes and breath in and out through the nose a couple of times. Try to clear your mind of random thoughts or clutter during this time. Though meditation has no set required time to experience benefits, WebMD suggests meditating at least 15 to 20 minutes. Of course, this can vary from person to person, depending on their needs and daily body fluctuations.

So if you haven’t tried it

sometime, give it a shot. You never know how it might make you feel.

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Letter to the Editor

First, I would like to say “thank you” for the article on Death with Dignity. I am a sophomore at Manhattan Christian College, also a retired disabled U.S. Army veteran. When Brittany Maynard’s story started going viral, I commented on the CNN article posted on Facebook from someone else. I am not against those who decide to end their life if they are suffering, which is very hard to imagine for those healthy people as you

mentioned in the article. I am not one of those who directly whip out the Bible and quote scriptures and say that it DWDA is against God’s will. However, the Bible is used out-of-context quite often in Brittany Maynard’s case. There is more acceptance in our society in today’s issues relating to DWDA, than 20 years ago.

I am writing a argumentative essay as the final for my writing and composition class on DWDA. I decided

the topic before I read your article, since Maynard’s decision has stirred up quite a conversation.

In my opinion, I think that no one really knows what is on the other side of death, until we get there. Who are we to judge when God is the one that will judge us, according to our works here on Earth? I guess when that time comes, then we can look back on life here and it will finally make sense.

— Gerald Peckham

Street Talk

compiled by Cassandra Nguyen

Q: “If you were to write a book, what would you call it and what would it be about?”



AJ KINGSBURY
FRESHMAN, ANIMAL SCIENCES AND INDUSTRY

“Mine would be A Retelling of the Little Mermaid. It’d be very similar to The Little Mermaid except the genders would be switched. For example, the character Ariel would have a different name and be a male.”



ELIZABETH KRAUSHAR
GRADUATE STUDENT, ENGLISH

“I’d call mine For the Love of Bagels. It would be about two lovers who have a passion/strong love for bagels and each other.”



KATY LONG
GRADUATE STUDENT, ENGLISH

“Pilot Light. It would be about the life and survival of an arctic explorer who lives in a tin shack.”



ANTHONY MAI
FRESHMAN, PSYCHOLOGY

“My book would be about the beauty of everyday living on earth. I’d probably call it Blue Marble.”



CARMEN SCHOBER
GRADUATE STUDENT, ENGLISH

“My title would be Gypsy Land. It’d be about a group of three friends who goes on a magical adventure in Oregon to solve a mystery.”

SGA | Collegian Media Group funding continued

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thing, we really need to fund this.”

Senators ultimately decided to approve the 3 percent increase in funding, rather than refer the bill back to the committee for further discussion.

Club funding was also under debate. Studio 101, a club for fifth-year architecture students, had requested funding to take 14 students to San Francisco to visit the site of their masters' thesis project. However, due to the general expectation that participants be enrolled in a certain class, senators opted not to fund the trip.

“I don't like the precedent that it sets,” Ryan Aeschliman, masters student in industrial engineering, said speaking against the bill, “I firmly believe that our main objective with these funds is to support the academic development of our students at Kansas State University through their more extracurricular activities.”

Funding was approved for the Investment Club to take 22 students to Chicago, Illinois. While College Allocations committee originally had decided to only fund \$500 of the \$1,000 requested, senators chose to amend the bill and fund the entire \$1,000.

The Collegian Media Group requested an increase in funding by 2 percent. Privilege Fee committee chose to continue funding at the current rate.

Kennedy presented final wording on Lifeline 911, the medical amnesty policy that was a vital part

of Kays and Kennedy's election campaign in the spring. The policy, which protects students drinking undamaged from campus repercussions when seeking medical attention, was passed by the senate.

Workshop Architects presented at the beginning of the meeting about their potential plans for the new K-State Student Union. They will be on campus again Dec. 4-5 and will host an open forum Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. Representatives stressed their desire to ensure that students' voices were heard and that the new union design encompasses what K-State stands for. They also have a Pinterest board entitled “K-State” where students can give feedback on potential furniture pieces and other aspects that could be a part of the renovation.

Next week, students will be able to download LiveSafe, an app that serves to share information about sexual assault, mental health and violence on college campuses to law enforcement and fellow students, for free in an effort to make K-State a safer campus. This is in partnership with the “It's On Us” campaign that K-State opted to take part in earlier this year.

Minor changes were made to the elections commissioner position description language so that it explicitly states in the bylaws that the election commissioner may be a member of the legislative, judicial or executive branch but may not be seeking election for the coming year. The recently appointed elections commissioner is Sarah Haley, senior in psychology.

HOUSES | Scholarship houses offer leadership roles

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these things.”

Smurthwaite residents must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA, join at least one student organization at K-State, partake in community service, complete chores and more.

“They are really taking on these leadership roles and taking responsibility for their actions and for someone going into college student development it's really awesome to see these women emerging as strong leaders,” Peters said.

Smurthwaite charges residents \$3,490 per semester, \$490 cheaper than the standard rate for room and board with a 15 meal meal-plan in the residence halls.

Smith Scholarship House

Smurthwaite, like Clovia, is an all-female housing option for students. For males interested in scholarship housing, there is Smith Scholarship House. Patrick Stegman and Josh Smith, both juniors in mechanical engineering at K-State, are the president and vice president of Smith Scholarship House, respectively.

“We are just looking for guys that want to live in a community,” Patrick Smith, vice president of Smith Scholarship House, said. “Maybe they are sick of the dorm thing, or don't want to live on their own, or have the resources to.”

Founded in 1958, Smith House, like Smurthwaite and Clovia, is a self-sustain-

ing living arrangement that houses approximately 34 men.

“It's gotta be the sense of community that you build,” Stegman said when asked about his favorite thing about the Smith House. “You guys really start clicking and it's really awesome to be able to live with 33 other guys that are all on the same page as you.”

Smith charges residents \$2,463 per semester and offers a 17 meal, meal-plan, \$1,517 cheaper than the standard rate for room and board with a 15 meal, meal-plan in the residence halls.

So next semester when you look to move off-campus, consider the community environment offered by the various scholarship houses on campus.

DRIVE | Community uses opportunity to give back to the needy

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dents a way to get involved and give back to their neighbors,” Claxon said.

The USO is always looking for donations as well as volunteers. The process to becoming a volunteer is simple, according

“Another goal of this drive is to make sure K-State has a presence on Fort Riley's base. You just need to fill out an online application and then talk to a volunteer manager and they will get you involved. There are always opportunities to get connected,” Courtney said.

There will be boxes to place donations in Justin Hall, the residence halls, and in the K-State Student Union until the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 14th.

“They have sacrificed so much for us, Time away from their families, and fighting for our country,” Claxon said. “This is a way for us as a community to show that we appreciate everything they do for us.”

BRIEFS | Third part of ‘Ghost Mapping: A Public Lecture Series’

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Katherine Nesse, assistant professor of landscape architecture and regional and community planning, will be presenting the third part of the four-part series in connection to the K-State common read “The Ghost Map.”

“I hoping that (the audience) will begin to look at community differently,” Nesse said.

Nesse said she hopes the audience will begin to look at social phenomena as part of a larger process.

The lecture will discuss and map out criminal activities in certain areas of Manhattan, according to Nesse. It will also look at the city's quality of life by looking at the parks' locations, locations of businesses and the ease of travel from people's home to businesses.

“We're not coming up with solutions, but forming hypotheses,” Nesse said.

The free public lecture will at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the Leadership Studies Building.

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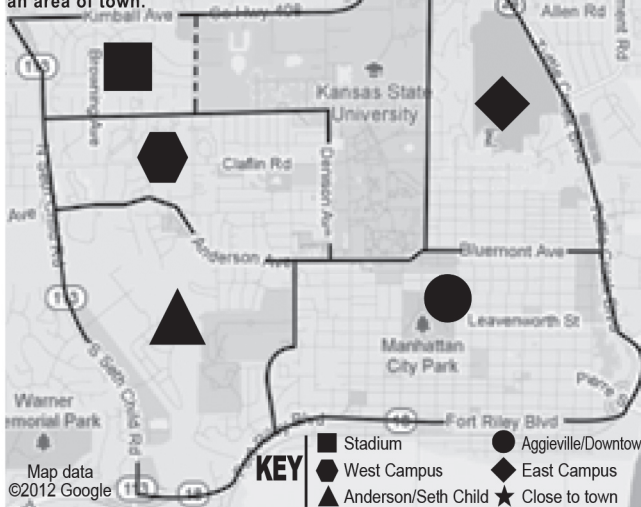
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Wildcats head to Peoria with championships up for grabs

By EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

In what could be the last meet of the season for the K-State men's and women's cross country teams, they will travel to Peoria, Illinois to take part in the Midwest Regional Championships.

The women's race starts today at noon while the men start an hour later at 1 p.m.

It'll mark the first time of the season where the finishing positions play a factor in whether or not their season will continue. In order to guarantee that they advance as a team, the men and women have to finish as one of the top two teams, respectively. If they do not clinch a spot in the nationals during the regional races, they still stand a shot at being one of the 13 at-large bids.

In order to have athletes advance as individuals — only if the

teams don't advance as a whole — the athletes have to finish in the top-25 and be one of the four-highest remaining athletes that don't advance as a team. If all else fails, the athletes have a slim chance of being one of the two athletes selected as an individual at-large bid.

The men, who face three top-30 teams in Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Tulsa, will face an uphill battle throughout the meet. The men's team has struggled to find success throughout the year and the Wildcats are relying on a group of unproven and young runners to compete against teams with proven and elite runners.

At the helm of the men's team are the sophomore and twin duo of Brett and Jeff Bachman who have continuously led the group. It also includes finishes of 61st and 53rd

in the most recent meet, which were the Big 12 championships.

For the women's team, which is ranked eighth in the Midwest Region, they'll face a fierce competition from two ranked teams in No. 20 Minnesota and No. 5 Iowa State. They'll also be facing the host team Bradley, who are ranked third in the region.

The women's team is led by senior Laura Galvan and sophomore Morgan Wedekind, who finished 11th and 20th in the Big 12 Championships.

Galvan and Wedekind have been the high finishers in every meet, trading team-highs throughout the season. If the women have hope to either enter nationals as a team or as individuals, their hope will fall on the shoulders of these two women.

TAYLOR ALDERMAN | THE COLLEGIAN

Paige Kockuyt, junior, and **Maddie Hopfinger**, sophomore, run during a morning cross country practice on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014.



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

Justin Edwards, redshirt transfer junior guard, looks for someone to pass the ball to during the Sunday game against Washburn in Bramlage Coliseum.

Wildcats look to erase taste of last year's season opener

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Marcus Foster remembers walking off the court and seeing Northern Colorado players yell with joy as it beat K-State in a shocking upset to open the 2013-14 season.

Now entering his second season in Manhattan, the high-scoring guard hopes to put those feelings to rest against Southern Utah in the 2014-15 season opener at 8:00 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

"It is something I look back at and learn from," sophomore guard Marcus Foster said. "It was tough for me because it was my first college game ever I felt I just could not do anything to help my team. It opened my eyes to see that this was what college basketball is like. I had to learn from it and get better for the next game."

Joining key returning players such as Foster, sophomore forward Wesley Iwundu, senior for-

wards Thomas Gipson and Nino Williams, junior guard Justin Edwards and sophomore forward Brandon Bolden.

Both Edwards and Bolden sat through last season's excruciating home opener and the junior guard said it was especially irritating not being able to be on the floor due to NCAA transfer policies.

"It was definitely irritating especially knowing how much we prepared for them," Edwards said. "We were all excited to play that game and we ended up losing it. I think this year, hopefully, we do not come out too excited and come out with a win."

Last Sunday, K-State had their first taste of playing under the lights with a crowd as it beat Washburn 68-56.

The Wildcats found themselves understaffed due to injuries. This led to some creative maneuvering by the coaching staff by way of trying some players at positions they had little to no experience at playing.

At Wednesday's press con-

ference, head coach Bruce Weber didn't rule Williams, Iwundu or freshman forward Malek Harris out for tonight's season opener, however, he said they would all need to show some improvement in practice before he would think about playing the trio.

Edwards, who is normally a guard, found himself having to play the forward position throughout the exhibition.

"I would say it was just difficult because I literally learned how to play the four position the day before the game," Edwards said. "I am just not used to doing what the four position normally does. I learned as a guard I have to wait for screens from the bigs."

Sophomore point guard Nigel Johnson also found himself having to play shooting guard, which left him out of position.

"I think we could have played a lot better," Johnson said. "With that group of guys on the court, we didn't get a lot of experience with them working together. We had a lot of injuries and we

played pretty good with what we had. Justin (Edwards) and I were playing out of position."

Foster stressed the importance of growing as a unit and not looking too far past tonight's season opener.

"It is still early, we still have to figure things out right now," Foster said. "We understand what it is going to take to be a good team. We have to keep focusing on our goals and what we want to do. The pieces will come together, we do not want to rush it."

Following the season-opening loss, it was an upward climb for Weber's squad and Foster said it's time to reverse the memories.

"People forget about you when you lose that opening game," Foster said. "It takes a lot to get the fans back and the media's respect. You just have to start the season off with a tone of high expectations. We had the pieces to win that game last year, but this year we have the pieces to overcome adversity and win the game."

Jeff Mittie era opens against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLEGIAN

It has been nearly eight months since Jeff Mittie was introduced as K-State women's basketball coach and tonight will open up the Blue Springs, Missouri native's inaugural campaign in Manhattan.

The Wildcats will welcome Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville as the 2014-15 campaign officially opens with a 5:30 p.m. tip at Bramlage Coliseum.

The first-year head coach doesn't want to overcomplicate plans for their first opponent.

"We're going to have to keep those things pretty simple," Mittie said. "With all the information overload on our end, we don't want to overload them with trying to learn another team's offense in a couple of days. At the end of the day, execution and effort are going to be two things that we're constantly talking about."



GEORGE WALKER | THE COLLEGIAN

Emporia State guard **Kelly Moten** blocks K-State guard **Haley Texada**'s pass during the game against Emporia State at Bramlage Coliseum on Nov. 3. K-State defeated Emporia State 54-50.

Exhibition contests were near polar opposites as game margin ranged from a four-point win against Emporia State to a 50-point win over Newman.

Senior guard Haley Texada said she hopes they'll remember the fine details in getting the season going.

"It's a lot of execution and trying to get precision

within the plays and trying to get a better flow with things," Texada said. "Friday is when it's official and it counts. I think everybody is ready and the blood and adrenaline is

going. It's going to be a good game."

Sophomore forward Breanna Lewis paced the Wildcats offensively in the two exhibitions, averaging 13.0 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Texada pinpointed a need to get her a touch every time down the floor.

"Everybody brings something different to the table," Texada said. "Whether we get in to Lew and she scores or they double-down on her and she kicks it out, she at least knows we've got her back and trying to get the ball back in the hoop. Everybody plays a different part, but it all links together very well."

A change in defensive philosophy has been an adjustment for the Wildcats as Mittie has introduced a zone-heavy philosophy.

Mittie hopes to see a continuation from the 50-point drubbing of the Jets.

"It's such an important component of the defense

that we get steals and deflections," Mittie said. "Some of these zone defenses are about keeping people in front of you and force jump shots. Our's is a very active defense. We're improving and to put a percentage on it, I'd say we're 75 percent in."

The Cougars were picked to finish fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason polls and are coming off of an 11-19 season. They return three starters and are led by senior guard Tierny Austin, who is coming off of a 13.2-point, 6.9-rebound junior season.

K-State has never faced SIU-Edwardsville, but Mittie holds a 1-0 edge over the program in his coaching career.

With three-straight games at Bramlage, K-State is opening the 2014-15 schedule with its longest stretch at its home arena since the 2011-12 season.

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